

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis (stomach paralysis) is a debilitating disorder characterized by severe pain, nausea, and vomiting, which affects an estimated 5 million Americans, and can lead to malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, esophageal damage, and other such complications; and

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States; yet is little known or understood; and

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss/fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

**WHEREAS**, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, we seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and

**WHEREAS**, we seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **August 2021** as "**Gastroparesis Awareness Month**" in Centre County.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.



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